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# From The Principal's Desk

## *The Road Not Taken*

**Fr. Norman J. Fitzpatrick, C.S.B.**

**Time-line to Independence**

On December 7, 1984, a joint statement was made by the Basilian Fathers and The Metropolitan Separate School Board that St. Michael's College School would return to independent status. A second statement on December 21, 1984, outlined the schedule for this transition. It is as follows:

| Public Catholic School - No Fees Required | Independent Catholic School - Fees Required ($1,150) |
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| 1985-86 Grades 10 & 11 | Grades 9, 12 & 13 |
| 1986-67 Grades 11 & 12 | Grades 9, 10 & 13 |
| 1987-88 Grades 12 | Grades 9, 10, 11 & 13 |
| 1988-89 | Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 |

St. Michael's has declined government funding for many reasons and none of them should be interpreted as being in disagreement with government support for Catholic secondary schools. That support is a matter of justice too long denied and we rejoice that it has been realized.

**A Long Tradition Endangered**

It must be remembered, however, that St. Michael's was founded in 1852 and has been one of the pioneers of the Catholic independent school tradition in Ontario and so it knows first hand what an effective instrument this tradition is for achieving the goals of Catholic education. As welcome as the good news of funding is, it could endanger the survival of the Catholic independent tradition and deprive the Catholic people of an alternative to government funded schooling, comparable to that enjoyed by their fellow citizens.

**One Message, Many Voices**

The new Catholic public schools rest firmly upon the historic foundation of the independent tradition. If they were to lose sight of their past, it would indeed be unfortunate. There is need, then, for a cadre of Catholic independent schools across the province. They will not be numerous and they need not be. They will simply stand as reminders to the new Catholic public schools of the traditions and philosophy from which they themselves have so recently sprung. If St. Michael's, through its return to independence, can serve in this way, it will indeed be honoured. And so it takes this small step toward preserving the Catholic independent tradition in the hope that others will be encouraged to support, if not follow the initiative. It does so, as well, in the conviction that a healthy pluralism enhances any human endeavour. Catholic education can achieve greater excellence, if it speaks its vital message through the two historic traditions of public and independent education.

**Liberal Arts and Christian Humanism**

As an independent school, St. Michael's will be able to preserve its historic identity and tradtitions. It will continue to be directed by the Basilian Fathers and staffed by priests and lay teachers. Its academic program will follow a liberal arts tradition that is firmly rooted in Christian humanism. This means that the student will be presented with the broadest range of academic subjects possible, the goal being to help him achieve human excellence through them. But he will be taught to consider human excellence from the Christian perspective, which sees man as made in the image and likeness of God. Human excellence, viewed in this light in the English, history and science classes, as well as the religious studies class, will help the student to develop his own humanity not just according to the demands of the natural order, but, more importantly, according to the higher demands of the supernatural order.

**Objectives**

The academic program has three major objectives. One is to provide a balanced sampling of the humanities, arts and sciences so that eventually, when the moment arrives for the student to specialize, he will do so from the base of a Christian education that is truly universal in its scope. Breadth of education is the ideal, with specialization at too early an age studiously avoided. The second objective is to permeate the curriculum with the Christian humanistic tradition. And the third is to graduate young Christian men whose leadership and life style spring from their love of the Church and a deep understanding of the faith and its relevance to daily life.

**Education Beyond the Classroom**

St. Michael's has always maintained that education is more

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Your continued support through membership fees is greatly appreciated. It plays a very important part in our efforts to keep the Old Boys' Association operating. The present level of the Scholarship Funds which we have been donating to the School is also a reflection of your support.

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## Door Prizes Needed

The Scholarship Draw Committee is seeking donations of door prizes for its Monte Carlo Night to be held on Friday, March 29th, 1985 at 8:00 P.M. in the school gym. If you or your company can donate a suitable gift as a door prize for this event, please contact: Michael Duffy at 964-1056 or Bill Rosenitsch at 598-7059.

## Odds And Ends

THE OLDEST GRAD receiving the Banner has to be RICHARD LAUBER, class of 1923. (Can you top that?)
THE CLASS WITH THE LARGEST TURN OUT at the Turkey Roll, was the class of 1979. Congratualtions. Some 21 grads returned. The class of 1969 was a close second. DAN BATTEN (79) won the turkey, the prize awarded to the class with the most grads in attendance.

## Coming Events

SCHOLARSHIP DRAW: Friday, March 29, Gym. 7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. (Social evening) Phone Joe Younder for tickets.
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Wednesday, June 19, at Carrying Place Golf and Country Club Phone Paul Thomson at 889-9172.
ANNUAL MUSICAL PRODUCTION: April 12-13 and 19-20 **Man of LaMancha**
ITALIAN PLAY: April 26-27.
OLD TIMERS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT - EX MAJORS: Sunday April 14, 1:00 p.m., arena
ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET: May 16th, gym - 6:00 P.M.

# Last Chance
# Scholarship Support Needed

On Friday, March 29, your Old Boys' Executive is sponsoring a Monte Carlo Night, at which time we will be holding our Annual Scholarship Fund Draw. This is our major fund raising event of the year, and this year tickets will be sold at $50.00 each. From each ticket, we intend to donate $35.00 to assist in special scholarship projects at St. Michael's. A tax receipt for your donation of $35.00 will be issued by the school. Cash prizes of $5,000, $2,500, $1,000 and $500 will be awarded this year.

We hope you will support this major fund raising event by completing the coupon on your right and returning it with your cheque payable to: SMCS Old Boys' Association Scholarship Draw. Don't delay. Support St. Michael's now!

**MAIL TO:** Paul Thomson,
41 Roman Road,
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than an affair of the mind. Man is also spirit, and the spirit craves to be schooled in the ways of faith, hope and love. The medium here, of course, is prayer, along with the sacraments, formal courses in religious studies, and opportunities to serve others in need. All of these will continue to be integrated into the daily life of the school.

On a daily basis, a school should educate its students for the world of human activity - physical, creative, and social. The school's co-curricular program in theatre, public speaking, debating, intramural and varsity athletics, a proven instrument for this purpose, is as vital as the academic program to the full development of a young person.

**Time Is Of The Essence**

If education at the secondary level is to fulfill its duty to educate the whole man, it needs more time, not less. Acceleration, especially in its latest expression of completing five years of high school in four, runs counter to this duty and reveals a disturbing bias. It would seem to suggest that school is exclusively for the mind and only incidentally for the other areas of an adolescent's development. Believing that more time is needed if a teenager's growth to maturity is to be balanced and joyful, St. Michael's will offer a high school program five years in length for every student. Within this time, all his growth patterns, spiritual, intellectual and physical, can proceed at their proper rhythm and in an atmosphere that is productive and humane.

The key word here is 'humane'. The Basilian tradition of educating a young person spiritually, intellectually and physically presupposes that the student has the time to participate with ease in all aspects of the school program that are designed to help him grow in these three areas.

**A Time For Study, A Time For Leisure**

He needs the time to devote himself to his studies, but equally important, he needs the time for leisure - the leisure to become involved in the co-curricular life of the school, to build vital social relationships among his peers, and, lest we forget, the leisure to withdraw into the silence of his heart for reflection and prayer.

These are the principles of a sound education and they are in danger of being compromised by the acceleration option now being offered by the Ministry of Education. Acceleration or 'fast-tracking' (five years in four) can only succeed if the student is willing to give up two things: a significant portion of his leisure time pursuits in exchange for more study time and a year of liberal education in exchange for early graduation.

**The Narrow Road of Specialization**

These sacrifices are obviously hurtful to the growth of a young person. They are especially so for the math and science students who take the 'fast-track'. In order to complete high school in four years, these students must take two maths and two sciences in grade 11 (work normally spread over two years - grades 11 & 12), and suffer a significant loss in the study of the humanities and the time for leisure. Grade 12 will be devoted to the work normally done in grade 13, which will be similarly short on the humanities and leisure time. Decisions about all of this specialized and accelerated approach to school are career decisions that will be made by the 'fast-track' student during his grade 10 year. Result? The engineers, doctors, and technologists who emerge from the 'fast-track' will have abandoned a truly liberal education in the humanities, arts and sciences at the tender age of fifteen.

For one reason or another, the universities have had to abandon any attempts at a liberal arts influence in the professional faculties in favour of a rigorous policy of specialization. For many students, then, the high school presents the only opportunity for a liberal arts experience, but now, it too will be prevented from providing this experience to many students, because of the entry of specialization into the secondary level under the guise of 'fast-tracking'. St. Michael's sees the retention of the five year high school as the best hope of keeping the humanizing values of the liberal arts tradition alive.

**The Rush To Nowhere**

One has to ask: to what purpose this rush through adolescence? The growing body of knowledge that university-bound students need to master, the shrinking job market, the rising percentages for university entrance speak to the need for more schooling, not less. But more important, perhaps, is the time the adolescent needs to know himself and the leisure to grow in the other areas of his life through participation in athletics, drama and debating. 'Fast-tracking' will diminish these opportunities, replacing them with the anxiety that inevitably comes with doing everything in a hurry.

**A Crossroad...**

Given these developments in Ontario education, it is clear that St. Michael's, which, as recently as December seventh last, came to a major fork in the educational road and opted for independence, faces, in the issue of 'fast-tracking', yet another diverging path. As in the earlier decision, the saving factor is the freedom to choose a direction.

For a while, the popular road will be the 'fast-track' road, the very one that threatens the principles of liberal education and Christian humanism. The other road, "the one less traveled by", as Robert Frost put it, that is the road, in our estimation, that will make "all the difference"..., at least until the Ministry of Education declares that grade 13 is, in fact, dead and deals with the consequences of that decision by redistributing the curriculum now covered grades 7 through 13 across grades 7 to 12. That would eliminate the 'fast-track' abuse and restore to teenagers what is rightfully theirs: a school environment that is challenging and stimulating, where they have the time to study, to play...and to dream.

# Press Reaction To The St. Michael's Decision

## "Star" Dec. 8, 1984

### St. Michael's School Refusing Provincial Aid

by Robert Matas

St. Michael's College School, one of the first Roman Catholic schools established in Canada, has decided to refuse provincial Government aid and continue to operate as a private high school.

The Basilian Fathers who operate the school decided they did not want to operate under the constraints of the school board and offer the same program as other Catholic schools in the city, Rev. Edward Boehler, chairman of the Metro Separate School Board, said yesterday in an interview.

For instance, the school board requires its schools to accept children from Metro Toronto first. St. Michael's, though, wants the freedom to accept students from outside the city, Father Boehler said

The school also has been very involved in athletic programs, such as minor-league hockey. The school board, though, develops policies for all schools, he said.

The Basilian Fathers and the school board have not yet dealt with the details involved in breaking up the relationship between the board and the school, Father Boehler said

He expects the school's new status would be phased in over the next few years.

The school board also will accept responsibility for placement of all teachers and students at the school who wish to remain in the Government-financed system, he said.

Father Boehler added that St. Michael's is the only secondary school in Metro Toronto that will remain as a private Catholic school. The 26 other Catholic secondary schools will accept Government aid to the end of high school.

Premier William Davis shocked the province in June when he promised Government aid to Catholic high schools, beginning with Grade 11 next September. The Catholic community had been pushing unsuccessfully for Government support for more than 100 years. Government financing currently ends at Grade 10.

The north Toronto boys' school, founded in 1852, now offers Grade 9 and 10 as part of the Metro Separate School Board, which is financed through provincial Government grants and property tax revenues. However, students pay a tuition fee of $975 annually for grades 11, 12 and 13.

St. Michael's has traditionally enrolled university-bound students interested in a liberal-arts education and a full athletic program.

Rev. Ulysse Pare, superior general of the Basilian Fathers, said in a news release that St. Michael's would continue as "a low-cost, non-exclusive independent Catholic high school."

Father Frank McCabe, the Ontario spokesman for the Order of Basilian Fathers, declined to comment on the religious order's decision.

## "Toronto Star" Dec. 10, '84

### Some Parents Worried Tuition May Soar When St. Mike's Goes Private

by Dana Flavelle

Parents of some St. Michael's College School students fear sending their sons there may be too expensive when the school becomes private next fall.

And a Metro separate school board trustee says other Roman Catholic high schools are already too crowded to take students who leave St. Michael's.

The all-boys Catholic high school announced last week it had rejected the province's offer of full financing and will leave the Metro separate school system next year.

"Of course, we're concerned about the financial aspect," said parent Valerie Antoniades "We certainly couldn't afford fees of $4,000 to $5,000 for each child."

#### Overcrowded Now

Antoniades has one son in Grade 9 at St. Michael's and planned next year to send her second son to the school at Bathurst St. and St. Clair Avenue.

In a joint statement with the school board, the Basilian Fathers said St. Michael's would continue to operate as a "low-cost, non-exclusive independent Catholic high school."

"Our secondary schools are overcrowded now. If 200 children are displaced, where are they going to go?" asked Metro separate school board Trustee Maureen Fitzpatrick, who has a son in Grade 9 at St. Michael's and planned to send another son next year.

## "Toronto Sun" Dec. 9, 1984

### Separate School Will Go It Alone

St. Michael's College School will go it alone and leave the Metro separate school board next fall.

The college, one of the oldest schools in Toronto will operate as a totally private school.

It will offer an alternative to the "public Catholic" education system, says the Congregation of St. Basil (Basilian Fathers), which founded the school in 1852.

St. Michael's College earlier announced it would not accept provincial grants offered by the government.

One condition of the grants is separate school boards will have to accept surplus public high school teachers for vacant positions for the next 10 years.

The loss of control over who will teach at St. Michael's is said to be the main reason behind its decision to go private.

# Grad Profile

In this issue of the BANNER, we are proud to profile ANDRE DEMPSEY (57-62). As Vice President of the Student Council in 1962, Andre went on to Christ the King College at the University of Western Ontario. There, he served as President of the Student Council. From 1965-68, he attended Law School at U. of T. and was called to the Bar in 1970. From 1970-74, he was Assistant Crown Attorney for York County. In 1974, he opened his own practice in Toronto, and in 1983 was named a Queen's Counsel. Andre is married with three small sons all heading for S.M.C.

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When I think back on my days at St. Mike's, I naturally think about the good times. Actually, the memory really starts before I got there. I followed my three brothers to the hallowed halls. Brother Anthony (58) played for the Buzzers and I remember our family gathering around the radio and listening to the play by play broadcast. Brother Stephen (56) had been President of the Student Council, and brother Bowes (62) had been an all-star for the nine-five "skins" basketball team. They eventually lost to the shirts in a play-off game.

Once school began I immersed myself in just about everything that was not academic, and many memories come to mind. Of those events, I remember the sock hops the best. I used to stand in the gym with both socked feet planted firmly near a far wall, and urge my friends, JOHN HERMAN and HUBERT VEZIMA to dance with the girls, too shy to do so myself. Those were glorious nights. I usually ended up with a solo ride home on the streetcar and bus. Those were also the great hockey years at St. Mike's. The Majors had players that I still swear were eight feet tall. Our teams would regularly fill Maple Leaf Gardens for the Sunday double headers. Players like Dave Keon would sometimes go straight to the Leafs for spot duty. I remember once the whole line of Bruce and Dave Draper and Larry Keenan going up; they played for a game, held their own against the pros and were back in class on Monday morning.

When the play-offs came, convoys of buses would travel to St. Catharines, Hamilton and Guelph filled to capacity with noisy students high on life itself and certain we would live forever. If hockey, as we knew it was beginning to wain in the 60's, it was the dawn of drama at St. Mike's.

Fr. Fitzpatrick produced the first of many great plays, **The Cain Mutiny Court Martial** which starred MICHAEL O'REGAN as the be-deviled Captain Queegg. The following year, still spell-bound, I tried out and landed a bit part in **Stalag 17**. With RICHARD STYKS, JOE PASTOR and MICHAEL McKENNA, we played to sold out crowds of friends and relatives.

Other events that spring to mind are the annual retreats, the Student Council elections complete with skits and speeches, the Double Blue Ball, the football games against Del and, of course, June 29.

Some 20 years after my graduation, a group of us got together in the effort of assembling a class reunion. Sadly, too much time had elapsed and the records and addresses were no longer adequate. But we did try and what a great time it was to see JOE DERAMIGIS, CHRIS MORIN, JOHN CHARLTON, KEN OLSEN and MARIO VANDRAMINI. We met at least 12 times and in the end we all went out to dinner with our wives. We plan to do it again this spring. For anyone planning a reunion, don't wait 20 years to do it. Plan it out with the Old Boys. They have a new computer and now with the creation of team captains for each year, the class lists are getting up-dated. However, to see some of our former teachers, Father Sheehan, O'Brien, Fitzpatrick, Butler, to name a few, was wonderful.

Today, my stage is in a court room. Over the years I have encountered many St. Mike's grads in many different capacities: judge, crown attorneys, policemen and fellow defence lawyers. It seems to me that when we meet, and our common heritage is made known, there is the realization that we are all cut from the same cloth. We were all given a good solid foundation for life and taught goodness, discipline and knowledge in our formative years. This to me is the magic of St. Mike's, and for its graduates. I just hope my sons will also be enriched by the S.M.C. experience.

# Where Are They Now?

PAL DI IULIO (71) Executive Director: Columbus Centre.
VYTAS ABROMAITIS (71) Assistant Manager, T.D. Bank, Vancouver, British Columbia.
PAUL VAN DAMME (68) Canada Systems Group, Corporate Controller, Mississauga, Ontario.
RED SHEEDY (41) ISL Sports, General Manager, Toronto.
PAUL HARRIS (42) Director, Immigration-Public Affairs,Ottawa.
DAVE MUSZYNSKI (79) International Politics, Washington.
GLEN WILLIAMSON (69) Regiapolis/Notre Dame High School, Business Chairman, Kingston.
JOHN CONNOLLY (69) Dentist, Almounte.
STEVE SNELL (69) Teacher, Rideau, Ottawa.
DR. MIKE CASEY (69) St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener.
GREG KINLIN (68) Lawyer-Justice Department, Ottawa.
MIKE GRENNAN (79) Mechanical Engineer, Ryerson (just married).

FRANK SOLDA (79) Solda Engineering Pools, Toronto.
ED NAUS (79) Free Enterprise.
TED FILIP (77) Engineering Dept. Supervisor, Konor Ltd.
MIKE MALONE (56) A.E. LePage, Industrial/Commercial Div.
TED BRUSSELERS (60) High School Teacher, Orillia.
STEVE MASTERSON (76) Teacher, Holy Family School.
AIDAS VAIDILA (76) University Lawncare (self employed).
FRANK SPENCE (76) Doctor, St. Michael's Hospital.
ROCCO TAGLIONI (76) Prudential Life Insurance, Manager.

# Father Maurice Whelan C.S.B. Receives Ontario Bicentennial Medal

In a ceremony hosted by the Ontario Treasurer, the Honourable Larry Grossman and former alumnus, YURI SHYMKO, M.P.P. for High Park, Swansea, Fr. Whelan was the recipient of a special Bicentennial Medal awarded to "those who have given of themselves to build a better society and enrich the lives of others".

In his thank you speech, Fr. Whelan stated that he was accepting the award on behalf of many other Basilians who have worked in the field of education throughout Ontario. Local Alderman, MIKE COLLE (64) a teacher at St. Mike's was present at the ceremony along with hundreds of other dignitaries from across Metro.

# It's Nice To Have Friends Who Support You

You have already read of the successful 1984 TURKEY ROLL.

We have another first, an unprecedented response to paid-up **alumni membership.** To date, some $3,000 has been received. Moreover, some grads sent in dues over the annual membership of $15.00. This is most gratifying and indicates that there is something here of which to be proud, and this is your way of expressing it. Thank you for your continuing support. If you wish to pay your membership, send it to the school to the attention of the Old Boys' Association.

Thank's too, to all the **Team Captains** who have up-dated their class mailing lists. Some 150 lost grads have been found. If you know of anyone not receiving the **Banner**, contact the school, 653-3180.

Finally, thanks to all the grads who continue to support the school through attendance at sport events, reunions, plays, school socials and in the public eye.

# Parents Guild - Continues Its Support

**Fr. Matt Mulcahy C.S.B.**

What and where would St. Mike's be without the support and encouragement of the mothers and fathers of the students? Besides their very successful **Fashion Show**, and **Annual Guild Ball**, they will be holding a **Mixed Card Party** on April 10. The Guild also organizes the **Graduation** garden party in June. They end their year with a **Pot Luck Supper**. Monies raised at the Fashion Show and Card Party, go toward Scholarships and Graduation Awards.

Yes, The Parents' Guild continues to build St. Mike's. We are all greatly in debt to this very important organization. Support their activities, phone the school for more information at 653-3180.

# St. Mike's Robbed - 50 Turkeys Taken

**by Rob Grossi**

BULLETIN. . . . Apparently, during the evening hours of Friday, December 7th, 1984, 50 turkeys were removed from the gymnasium at St. Michael's College School, 1515 Bathurst Street.

All of the suspects were later apprehended and each had the same alibi - they had the audacity to say that they had won them.

A spokesman for the school was quoted as saying: "That sounds like a typical St. Mike's Old Boy's reply". Joe Younder, the Honourary Police Chief and capable assistant, reported that he overheard that these same bandits planned to pull the same heist again next year, probably on **Friday, December 6th, 1985.** Therefore, we of the Alumni Association have decided to beef up security for next year's function.

Seriously though, it had to be one of the best turn outs we have had in years. We were especially pleased to see so many grads from the classes of 64, 68, 69, 74, 76, 80, 82. The cafe-lounge was well used. We feel it was a good place in which to serve the food. The Blackjack and game tables were well received. We will retain the same for our up-coming March 29 Scholarship Fund Draw. Thanks for your support. It was nice to see so many faces from the past. If you have any suggestions, please give me a call: Rob Grossi at 534-2888.

# In Memoriam

During the past year St. Michael's has lost two of its outstanding supporters, **Fred Fenn** in August '84 and **Charles Seymour** in January '85. Fred, along with the late Russ Morin and Fr. Ted Flanaghan C.S.B., founded the Quarterback Club in 1952. Fred always took a keen interest in athletics at St. Mike's, especially football. Jack, one of Fred's three sons who have attended the school, has been teaching and coaching at St. Mike's for 27 years.

**Charlie Seymour**, also an active member of the Quarterback Club, sent three sons, Philip, John and Charles Jr. to St. Mike's in the 50's. We are grateful to these two generous men for all they have given to the school. To their families we extend our condolences and prayers.

# Sport Profile

## A brief history of Basketball at St. Michael's College School 1950 - 1985.

Since the school opened at the Bathurst location in 1950, St. Michael's has been a dominating force in high school basketball; not only in Toronto but throughout the province. Today the name St. Michael's College School is not only synonymous with outstanding hockey but also with outstanding basketball.

In the 50's the school participated in the Ontario Catholic Conference. In those early days the names of FLORIAN MATSALLA (53), HUGH COYLE (54), JAY HOOK (56), PHIL WATERS (55), BARRY CALLAGHAN (56), PAT DUNNION (56), JIM BRUCE (58), JOHN LIOTTA (56) kept St. Michael's in the forefront of high school basketball.

MIKE LAVELLE (53) came along to coach the team in the late 50's and early 60's, developing many outstanding players and winning many honours. Coach Lavelle inaugurated the highly prestigious St. Michael's High School Basketball Tournament; which this year celebrated its 25th anniversary. Such players as PAUL DIGNAN (59), PAT O'NEILL (59), JOHN O'NEILL (59), PETER BARKICK (62), GEORGE BAHRYNOWSKI (62) and ROMAN BUKATA (65) made St. Michael's one of the top teams in Ontario.

The early 60's saw the inception of the T.D.C.A.A. - the Toronto and District College (Schools) Athletic Association - and St. Michael's were champions the first three years and went on to win the championship six times in the 60's.

The arrival of the first Rautins boy in 1967 ushered in an era of superb teams. GEORGE RAUTINS (71) led the Blue Raiders to four league championships, to several tournament championships and to four O.F.S.A.A. appearances. St. Michael's was now one of the top high school teams in the country. George never played in a losing T.D.C.A.A. game in his five years of high school ball. He was the first of several players to be recruited by a Division I American University. The late 60's teams and early 70's teams were also loaded with other talented players -STEVE IGNATAVICIUS (70), CLIFF KING (68), VINCE SANTORO (71), SAM KAKNEVICIUS (70), ROB STEWART (71), ROB PIETROBON (74) and AMBROSE CAMPANA (73).

LEO RAUTINS (78) arrived at St. Michael's in 1975 and there followed three more T.D.C.A.A. championships and O.F.S.S.A. appearances. Supporting Leo in the late 70's were such outstanding players as RON KAKNEVICIUS (77), PAT DAVIS (77), GINO SACCONE (80), GREG HOOK (80) and KIRT CHARTER (82). St. Michael's captured another six league championships in the 70's.

The early 80's marked the arrival of the "twin towers" - 6'11" GEORGE PAPADAKOS (83) and 6'10" SEAN DODDS (83). They were capably supported by such players as AL SAPLYS (83), BRIAN CATO (84), and RICHARD STANLEY (84). Two more league championships followed as well as O.F.S.A.A. appearances.

Truly the history of basketball at St. Michael's over the past 35 years has been remarkable. Since the formation of the T.D.C.A.A. some 22 years ago St. Michael's has finished out of first place only three times. St. Michael's has won its own tournament nine times. Over 25 players have gone on to star in university ball in Canada; indeed, many of them became captain of their team. Six graduates have gone to play Division I basketball in the United States. Three former Blue Raiders played for Canada's National team - GEORGE RAUTINS (71), ROB STEWART (71), and LEO RAUTINS (78). What other Canadian high school can boast of two graduates drafted into the N.B.A. and one to play in the N.B.A.? GEORGE RAUTINS (71) was drafted in the 7th round by the Buffalo Braves after a great career at Niagara University and LEO RAUTINS (78) was drafted in the first round by the Philadelphia 76er's after a great career at Syracuse University where he won All-American honours.

Leo didn't forget his high school either - when he signed his first pro-contract he donated $2,000 to the school to have new glass backboards installed. This gesture, I might add, is typical of the quality of young men who have participated in the basketball program at St. Michael's since 1950.

The future looks bright, too, for basketball at St. Michael's. Currently all three teams - Bantam, Junior and Senior - are in first place in their leagues and maybe that elusive O.F.S.A.A. championship is not too far away.

Certainly many, many more players deserve to be singled out for their contribution to the basketball program at St. Michael's than have been sighted in this article. Indeed, no slight was intended by the author. It has been a real privilege for me to have played a part in this history and to have had the opportunity to come to know some terrific gentlemen and to make some life-long friends.

**By Dan Prendergast, Coach for past 22 years**

## Another Tournament: Bring Back The Majors

BOB HENDERSON (57) spokesman for the Old Timers has just informed us that 1985 marks the 50th Anniversary of the first St. Mike's team to win the Memorial cup. It is also the 35th anniversary of the school at its present location and the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Arena. To celebrate these events, the St. Michael's Old Timers Hockey Club has arranged a reunion consisting of a game with ex Majors. The game is scheduled for SUNDAY, APRIL 14 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the arena followed by a reception and presentations in the cafe/gym. Arrangements are now being made to contact all ex Majors. If you played for the Majors and would like to get involved in the festivities, contact Peter Grossi (534-0197) or Bob Henderson (475-0316).

# Sports

On November 23-26, **St. Mike's Old Timers** staged a most successful hockey tournament in the arena A report of that tournament is printed below with the permission of Lance Hornby, SUN Sport's writer

## St. Mike's Stands Tall

By LANCE HORNBY STAFF WRITER

Many of Red Kelly's best stories of playing hockey in Toronto happened long before he pulled on a Maple Leaf sweater.

He's a proud alumnist of St. Michael's College, whose formidable junior hockey teams won two Memorial Cups in 1945 and '47.

And the school is proud of its role in helping shape his talents and those of Leaf greats Dick Duff and Frank Mahovlich. When the St Mike's oldtimers team put together their tournament, those three and former coach Joe Primeau had divisions named after them and were invited out to present awards to the winning teams

Kelly and Duff were on hand yesterday at St Mike's Arena on Bathurst St., though they played at the old school, near Bay St and St. Joseph, on the outdoor arena.

"That was hockey at its best, good teams, good coaching and exciting up and down action," said Kelly. "The pros sponsored teams back then and though Leafs had St. Michael's and Detroit owned me, they let me play."

Primeau was the coach and among Kelly's team-mates were Les Costello, later to win a Stanley Cup with Leafs before entering the priesthood, and Doug Harvey's brother, Howie Galt Red Wings, Toronto Marlboros and Oshawa Generals were some of their great foes

The drive to the '47 national junior final was perhaps the biggest highlight for Kelly, coming a year after Winnipeg Monarchs defeated St Mike's in the Cup final

"We set some attendance records at Maple Leaf Gardens that year," said the 20-year NHL veteran "We went out west to play Moose Jaw, Sask., for the Cup and beat them four straight There was a ticker-tape parade for us down Bay St."

"It was an important development stage of hockey and you learned about life and discipline in general. You could usually tell what guys were like off the ice by the way they played. Some worked hard, others didn't do more than they had to and some were very sneaky."

At 57, Kelly is president of the Canadian division of CAMP systems (Computer Aircraft Maintenance Program) but rarely plays hockey anymore

The St. Mike's tournament, a non-contact affair for men aged over 35, had a field of 24 teams.

Kelly's division was won by Bradford, which defeated Oakville by 7-4 Lakeview defeated Toronto Swords, 5-1, in Mahovlich's division, but the Big M was in Montreal playing in a tournament himself.

Lakeshore edged Bionics, 2-1, in the Duff Division and in the Primeau Division, Lakeview defeated Weston, 4-1. The bulk of proceeds went to the St. Mike's scholarship fund.

# New Councilors Inducted

The following alumni are now actively participating in the Old Boys' Association as liaison between the Association and the members at large.

PETER GORMAN (65) IVAN WISEMAYER (74) MIKE GRENNAN (79) PETER ASHWORTH (83) JOHN BONVIVERE (51) BERT LOBO (70) PAUL McGROARTY (64) SAM TAGGART (73) GREG REEVES (73) RENNIE BUGEJA (71) PETER WAUD (73) HUGH CHEETAM (77)

# Summer Hockey School

**St. Michael's Annual Summer Hockey School** again invites all youngsters to participate in an enjoyable camping experience between JULY 15 and AUGUST 16, 1985.

The program, designed for children between the ages of 7-15, is under the direction of Rick Cornacchia. His staff includes Bill Fifield, Jamie Wansbrough, Mike Harvey,Scott McClelland, Rob Ricci, Mike Stothers as well as other college and professional players.

This summer there will be two, two week sessions (starting July 15 and August 5) as well as a one week session (July 29). The fee of $170.00 for two weeks includes a St. Michael's hockey sweater.

Parents and campers are enthusiastic about the camp and return year after year. Parents appreciate the improved hockey abilities and skills that most youngsters seem to achieve. In addition, parents welcome the camp's central location on the Spadina subway line, the overnight lock-up facilities for equipment, and the deportment and attitude of the coaching staff.

Information and registration details are available by calling the school at 653-3180

**ST. MICHAEL'S SUMMER HOCKEY SCHOOL**

**AND ARENA RENTALS**

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# Alumni Golf Tournament

# Wednesday, June 19th 1985

As the Spring sunshine turns the grass to green, our thoughts soon turn to the golf course and getting our game in shape for the Annual SMCS Alumni Golf Tournament, which will again be held at Carrying Place Golf & Country Club (Highway 400 and Aurora Sideroad W.), on Wednesday, June 19th, 1985.

In the past few years, we have had in excess of ninety golfers play in our tournament, and expect an even larger turnout this year. To accommodate everyone, we have decided to start this year's tournament at 10:30 a.m., followed by a steak dinner at 5:30 p.m. This year, there will be no change in costs with Golf & Dinner being $32.00, and Golf OR Dinner only $15.00 OR $17.00.

Make up your foursome early and complete the application form on the back page to register now. Deadline for applications will be JUNE 8th, 1985.

We would like to be able again this year to provide prizes for each and every player, so if you can provide us with a gift, please contact Paul Thomson at 880-9172.

See you June 19th!

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I will bring a prize YES _____ NO _____

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**MARCH 29, 1985**

# Cross Country Summary

**Paul Barry** [73]

The 1984-85 season was a very rewarding one for the **Blue Harriers**. The team won its THIRD consecutive TITLE at the **McQuaid Jesuit Invitational** in Rochester, N.Y. At the TDCAA Championships a first place finish by the Seniors, a second place Bantam performance and a fourth place Junior team, proved to be enough to win a sixth consecutive TDCAA overall title. It was also the SIXTH year the seniors have won their division.

At the Ontario Championships held in Georgetown, the Provincial Senior gold medal was won by the Blue Harriers. MICHAEL MCGOWAN (85) PETER FONESCA (86) TIM PHRLAN (86) JOE CARREIRA, and ROBERT CATTANA became only the second St. Michael's team in any sport to win an O.F.S.A.A. title. The Bantams also concluded their season on an excellent note as they proved to be the number three Bantam team in the province.

**SEASON POSTSCRIPT**

Two Blue Harriers, Michael McGowan and Peter Fonseca finished fifth and tenth respectively at the Canadian Junior Cross Country Championships.

It's no wonder that Coach Pat Monahan was so delighted on having turned 40. Pat finished tenth in the World Master's 10 K. Road Racing Championships held recently in San Diego.

# Buzzers - A Place To Live

Every season the St. Michael's Buzzers Jr. "B" Club is faced with the task of finding quality homes for student athletes from out of town.

The search is again under way for the 1985-86 hockey season. We are in need of families who are prepared to take a student athlete for the entire school year (Sept. to June). Room and Board and a healthy family atmosphere are necessary.

While we would prefer to involve the families of Old Boys, we would also be interested in families that you would recommend. For more details, please call Bruce Pietile (826-7781 evenings only).

## Team Captains

In the Fall issue of the BANNER, we will have an up to date list of Grade Captains.

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